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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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LOCALITY:

Pasomac

River, Smiths

Creek.

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Descriptive Report of Smiths Creek Sheet.

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This sheet covers the Potomac River at the Mouth of
Smiths Creek and to the head of Navigation.

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From January 22d. to February 3d. 1908.

O. W. Ferguson, Assistant, C. & G. S. in Charge.

SCHOONER "MATCHLESS".

OBSERVERS.

James E. Marsh, Mate, A. B. Purton and H. A. Seran, Aids,
and John W. Clift, Chief Writer.

RECORDERS.

John W. Clift and H. W. Godsey, Writer 2cl.

LEADSMEN.

H. Arnesen, S. M. M. and I. C. Sanford, Seaman.

TIDE OBSERVERS.

C. P. Holland, C. B. M., H. W. Godsey, Writer 2 cl., and

I. C. Sanford, Sea.

The extent of this sheet is the vicinity of the mouth of
Smiths Creek, Md.-including the Black and Red Beacons and the
three prongs of this creek to their heads.

This Creek furnishes excellent shelter after once passing
the "lock bars" on each of which there is a beacon. The Channel
here affords not over 8.5 feet of water and runs pretty close
to the beacons. Above the bars there is plenty of good anchor-
age and all of the branches carry five to six feet to their
heads which terminate abruptly,

The Post Office here is name d WYNNE and is a place identical with MILLERS WHARF which is well up the Creek inside of the bar. The line of steamboats from Baltimore to Washington stop at this wharf which is quite commodious. At this place is located the St. Marys Packing and Manufacturing Plant. They shuck and ship Oysters, and during the Spring Season pack fish and the fall of the year do a large business in canning tomatoes. This company operate a store here and their employees constitute about all there is of a ^Unucleus of a town.

Tomatoes are bought of the farmers, who plant from one to ten acres each and are sold to the Co. at from 22 ¢ to 25 ¢ a bushel, of 60 #. Out of one bushel of tomatoes there are 13 quarts obtained. Colored people do all of the manual, work and the foreman, Mr. Pillsbury "makes them speak proper", whether he does or not.

Oystering, fishing and farming is the occupation of the people. Land is remarkably cheap, for such a locality. Good farms, of about 100 to 300 acres, with tolerably fair buildings can be bought for \$ 2500 to \$ 3000; fully as cheap as on the plains of Kansas, though under the shadow of the Capitol of the United States.

O. W. Ferguson.

Assistant.

Sailing Directions

For entering Smiths Creek, to Millers Wharf.
Course from the "Wreck Buoy".

Steer N. 35 W. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from ^{feet} 18 to ^{feet} 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ of water.

Then " " 2 " " $\frac{3}{4}$ " " 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
" " " 61 " ^{running} between buoys " $\frac{3}{8}$ " " 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 23 " "
" " " 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " $\frac{7}{8}$ " " 23 " 18 " "

which brings us abreast of Millers Wharf.

U. S. Schr. Matchless

February 14th 1908

O. W. Ferguson

ASST. C. and G. S.

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July 13, 1908.

The ground is well covered and the
crossings are good.

H. Simon

